

REMARKS

United States Serial No. 10/546,551 was filed on July 19, 2006. Claims 1-9 and 11-20 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1, 3, 9 and 15 have been amended. Claims 4-7, 16 and 18 have been canceled. Claims 21-26 have been added. After entry of the above amendments, claims 1-3, 8-9, 11-15, 17 and 19-26 will be pending. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-3, 8-9, 11-15, 17 and 19-26.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 8, 9 and 15-20 have been objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but the Office has indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim(s). The claims as presently amended were submitted as proposed claim amendments to the Office on January 15, 2010 for purposes of conducting an Examiner Interview with Examiner Admasu and Primary Examiner Timothy J. Kugel. During the Interview, the Examiners indicated that, pending an update of the search performed by the Office regarding the latest rejections, the claims as amended herein would be allowable. A Summary of the Interview is submitted herewith.

Claim 1 has been amended by incorporating therein the subject matter of allowable claims 16 and 18. Claims 16 and 18 have been canceled. Claim 3 has been amended by incorporating the subject matter of claim 7, except that the claim 7 recitation of α -olefin sulphonate has not been incorporated into amended claim 3. Claim 7 has been canceled. Claims 4-6 have been canceled in view of the amendments to claim 3. Claim 9 has been amended in order to recite dependency from claim 3 instead of claim 7.

Allowable claim 15 has been amended into independent form, incorporating the subject matter of previous claim 1. Claims 21-26 have been added, ultimately dependent from allowable claim 1. The same number of claims have been added as have been canceled in this Response. Claim 21 incorporates subject matter from previous claim 3. Claim 22 incorporates subject

matter from claim previous 4. Claim 23 incorporates subject matter from previous claims 5 and 6. Claim 24 incorporates subject matter from previous claim 7. Claim 25 incorporates subject matter from claim 8. Claim 26 incorporates subject matter from claims 13 and 14.

These amendments have been made without prejudice, and Applicant reserves the right to file any or all of the claims as originally filed or subsequently amended previous to this Response in one or more Continuation applications.

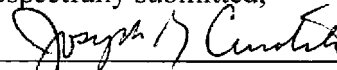
35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-7 and 11-14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). As discussed above, Applicant has amended the claims in order to incorporate subject matter which was indicated as allowable in the Office Action as discussed during the Interview. Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments render the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejections of claims 1-7 and 11-14 moot, and requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

In light of the amendments and remarks set forth above and submitted herewith, Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejections of claims 1-7 and 11-14 be withdrawn and that a formal Notice of Allowance be issued with respect to claims 1-3, 8-9, 11-15, 17 and 19-26.

Should there be any questions regarding the above amendments or remarks, the undersigned attorneys would welcome a telephone call.

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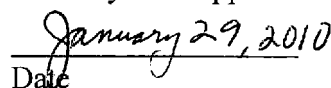
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